

INFORMATION BULLETIN

WORKFORCE INVESTMENT ACT

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TO: WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT COMMUNITY

SUBJECT: WORK SHARING UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE (WSUI) PROGRAM

This bulletin transmits information on California's Work Sharing Unemployment Insurance (WSUI) Program. This program was established in 1978, under Senate Bill 1471, to help employers and employees avoid some of the burdens that accompany a layoff situation. The program allows WSUI benefit payments to individuals whose hours or wages have been reduced. The program is considered an alternative solution to a complete layoff of trained and valued staff.

Any employer who has a reduction in services, production or other conditions that may lead to layoffs is encouraged to participate in the WSUI Program. Employers may find these advantages in lieu of a full layoff:

- Minimizes or eliminates the need for layoffs
- Assists employers to retain skilled employees
- Eliminate the time and expense of recruiting and training new employees
- Allows employees to retain their health benefits
- Reduces the financial burden of lost wages

For direct questions or to participate in this program, employers may call or write:

EDD Special Claims Office
P.O. Box 269058
Sacramento, CA 95826-9058
(916) 464-3300

For general information regarding the WSUI Program, a Fact Sheet can be found at www.edd.ca.gov/de8714bb.pdf.

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